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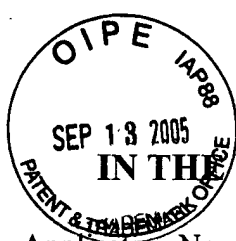
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 15, 2005, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the aspects of the invention set forth in claims of Group IV with traverse. No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

Applicants respectfully assert that the aspects of the invention grouped by the Examiner in Group IV can be examined together with the aspects of the invention classified as Group V, as both groups have definitions for R¹ and R² which define the ketone reagent of general formula (I) in a manner exhibiting sufficient unity of invention. The Applicants also wish to point out that a proviso in independent claim 1 already places certain limitations upon the definitions of R¹ and R². Therefore, joint consideration of the aspects of the invention currently classified in Group IV with the aspects of the invention currently classified in Group V is requested.

Should a species election be necessary, Applicants would provisionally elect the methods for making compounds as illustrated in Examples 3 and 4 on pages 38-41 of the specification.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with Applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call Applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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